

Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action mailed on April 25, 2008

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the current Abstract in its entirety and
substitute therefor the enclosed New Abstract.

NEW ABSTRACT

An apparatus with a speech control unit includes a microphone array having multiple microphones for receiving respective audio signals, and a beam forming module for extracting a speech signal of a user, from the audio signals. A keyword recognition system recognizes a predetermined keyword that is spoken by the user and which is represented by a particular audio signal and is arranged to control the beam forming module, on basis of the recognition. A speech recognition unit creates an instruction for the apparatus based on recognized speech items of the speech signal. As a consequence, the speech control unit is more selective for those parts of the audio signals for speech recognition which correspond to speech items spoken by the user.